

II. Remarks

Applicant is filing a continuation of this application by USPS Express Mail No. EV384294401US in which a Preliminary Amendment will be filed with claims that better define and point out patentable subject matter described in the Specification herein. It is expected that the filing of the continuation with new clarified claims will expedite prosecution and allowance.

Upon the filing of the continuation, this application will be allowed to become abandoned.

Should the Examiner have any questions in view of the foregoing, the Examiner is requested to telephone applicant's undersigned attorney.

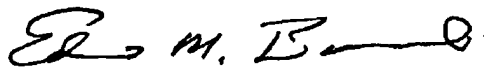
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